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To: Clearinghouse Review Coordinators  
From: Linda C. Janey, Assistant Secretary  
Re: Stimulus/Recovery Funding (ARRA) Projects and the Clearinghouse Process

Because the Stimulus dollars are going through existing Federal programs, many of those programs regularly receive Clearinghouse reviews under Federal Executive Order 12372. Please identify your agency stimulus projects that would routinely receive a Clearinghouse review under E.O 12372. If they were reviewed and are still within the three (3) year recommendation window, they do not need to be reviewed again. However, if the three (3) year window has expired or they have never been review by the Clearinghouse, they should be submitted for review. Please put Stimulus/Recovery or ARRA on each project that you submit for review.

The Clearinghouse review will not slow down your Stimulus funding for we are giving these projects priority. The projects will be reviewed for consistency with known state and local plans, programs and policies, (Smart Growth, PFA, Local Comprehensive Plans). If there is an inconsistency, we will add a contingency and/or qualifying comment alerting you that you need to apply mitigation efforts. It is possible that none of your stimulus projects will require a review. We want to make sure that we are complying with existing Executive Orders as the Stimulus is being implemented.

Please contact me, or Myra Barnes by e-mail at: [Clearinghouse@mdp.state.md.us](mailto:Clearinghouse@mdp.state.md.us) or call us at 410-767-4490 if you have questions and/or concerns.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Cc: Matt Power